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SUBJECT: ANTI-RIGHTIST CAMPAIGN AND FOREIGN TRADE

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1. IN TALKS WITH FAIRLY WIDE CROSS-SECTION OF COMMERCIAL COMMUNITY IN PEKING, BOTH BUSINESSMEN AND EMBASSY COMMERCIAL OFFICERS (INCLUDING JAPANESE, WEST GERMAN, BRITISH AND ROMANIAN), WE HAVE CONSENSUS THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO EFFECT ON FOREIGN TRADE BY CURRENT ANTI-RIGHTIST CAMPAIGN.

2. HOWEVER, BOTH WE AND AUSTRALIANS HAVE HEARD (POSSIBLY FROM THE SAME SOURCE) THAT SHIPMENTS OF GARMENTS FROM SHANGHAI AND TALIAN HAVE BEEN DELAYED BY THE UPHEAVAL. OUR SOURCE, VERONICA YHAP OF DRAGON LAZV IMPORTS, SAYS THAT THE SHANGHAI BRANCH OF CHINATEX WAS SO FULL OF POSTERS ATTACKING TENG HSIAO-PING (BUT NO OTHER CULPRITS) BY NAME THAT IT WAS HARD TO GET THROUGH THE CORRIDORS, AND THE CAMPAIGN WAS IMPEDING THE PAPER WORK OF THE BRANCH. WHEN ASKED FOR CONCRETE INDICATIONS THAT THE CAMPAIGN WAS AFFECTING GARMENT FACTORIES AS WELL, SHE SAID MERELY THAT NONE OF THE USUAL EXCUSES HAD BEEN
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OFFERED. WHEN SHE ASKED TO VISIT TALIEH TO DISCUSS
DELAYS, SHE WAS TOLD THAT INSTEAD A TEAM FROM THE TALIEH
OFFICE WOULD BE FLOWN TO PEKING TO TALK TO HER.
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